



# Bloomer Baptist Church

## To Know Christ and Make Him Known

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### Pastor's Portion

The September newsletter Pastor's Portion referred to a "road trip" I was about to take. Let me now take a few moments to fill you in on a bit of the event. I suspect you may be tempted to roll your eyes and skip the reading of this. Who wants to hear about someone else's vacation? Let me see if I can keep you interested until the end!

When I say "road trip" I am understating the event. It actually was a flight to the other side of the world. It took ddaayyss to get there that left the old Baptist preacher a bit worn. Remember, I did it to bond with the grandchildren. It was worth it!

In this far off country, I had the privilege of speaking 4 times in the 2 weeks. One of the times was to my granddaughters' youth group. Living in a foreign country, these kids become known as TCK (Third Culture Kids). The parents are Americans, British, Korean, European and New Zealanders. The thing in common is they are all sharing Jesus in a closed culture where scrutiny is everywhere. These kids are amazing. They organized themselves, appoint their own leaders and gather once a week for a student led Bible study and another time for a pickup game of soccer. On Tuesdays afternoons, they travel on buses by themselves from all over the city of 12 million to an appointed apartment. The nearly 20 kids come by groups of 2's and 3's to the apartment in order not to draw attention. You see to gather in this way could result in the authorities bringing these young people in for questioning. The only adult around, normally, is the mom in the nearby kitchen making refreshments. The young people have their own worship leader—one of our granddaughters and teen Bible study leader—appointed by consensus the week before. I was honored to be an unusual adult speaker for the occasion.

The Saturday morning pickup game of soccer is a remarkable sight. The youth again, travel on buses—some an hour or more away to gather to play soccer at a local university. Organized and officiated by the teens themselves. They play with abandon. As Sue and I, the only adults there, watched one girl, Ella, was accidentally tripped by a boy. Ella went down hard on the blacktop—bloodying her knees and palms.

The demonstration of the gifting of the group was amazing. Everybody stopped! There were no accusations or yelling. But here is where the gifts of trained Christian youth come into play. Her brother, you can guess what he will say, said to his sister who had tears welling up in her eyes. "Ella! suck it up! We're German!" One girl ran to get some drinking water and a towel to wash her knees and hands. Still another dug into her backpack and pulled out bandages. (Always be prepared was her motto). The boy that tripped the soccer player was apologetic—without excuses. To me it was a mature demonstration of gifted young people helping a wounded one.

Here is a Bible verse: Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV) *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

The application: We are called to walk in a worthy manner. What does that walk look like? Bloomer Baptist Church is about to undergo a significant change. Some of you won't like the change! Some of you are going to be tempted to be "bossy and loud." And you might want to quit! Can we take the example of 14—17 year old unsupervised kids from ½ way around the world? Let's in love work overtime to preserve the unity of the body.

The overseer of all the missionaries in that far off land shared a title of a book he is reading, *Crucial Conversations*. I bought it and even though it is a secular book I have poured over it. The PE's short summary of the book & our situation is: In the course of transition offenses will take place. The authors of *Crucial Conversations* say we at birth are hard wired to fight or flee. We no longer are concerned about the goal but making sure our pain and our "winning" the battle happens. The authors call it the "Fool's Choices." My application is the mature person comes back to the GOAL—UNITY IN JESUS. Jesus has given us the supreme example! Disserted by the 12 he still lumbered to the cross to redeem the very ones rejecting HIM. Our calling is to walk worthy of Christ—REDEPTIVE—HUMBLY—GENTLY—PATIENTLY with each other.

—Pastor Eldon Carlson

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# Sunday School

Wow, September is over and we are well into our fall schedule. We have graded classes for the kids, with Sue Carlson starting leading our 2-4 yr olds, Kelsey Lundgren teaching 5 yr olds – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, Lori Engstrom directing the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders, Julia Fossum enhancing the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Carlson and Thelma Villarta exciting the Doctrine group of 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and Judy Misner focusing the high schoolers. We also have adult classes, with Larry Gotham teaching a traditional Bible study in Acts in the Sanctuary, Lee & Mona McMenamin focusing the Empty Nesters in the old kitchen off the Sanctuary and Bowe's raising up the Parents of Kids group in the Youth room. Please find a group that fits you and be an encouragement to others and you may be encouraged as well. We also have DeWayne Fossum fulfilling a crying need by caring for those under 2 in the nursery. Thank you to all of you that are a part of making this another great year and for letting God's light shine to our church, our community, our country and our world.

# CBC

What a wonderful start we have had in CBC. We are 2 weeks into the year and clubbers are excited and eager to learn. Many verses and sections already have been completed. We even have our 1<sup>st</sup> book finisher for the year, with many more to come. Thank you for all your prayers and support for CBC. It is a great outreach and we have about 1/3 of the clubbers that are not regular BBC attendees. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> will be Crazy Hat night, so dig out that crazy hat and be ready to go. We will have the store again this year for clubbers to spend the CBC bucks that they earn. If you have anything that kids ages 3 yrs old-5<sup>th</sup> grade would like that is new or like new, that you would like to donate, it would be a great blessing to the clubbers. The kids love to go shopping and find that perfect item and especially not have to ask mom or dad for the money. Please continue to pray for the leaders and clubbers each week that the Lord will be glorified and all will hide God's word in their heart.

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, life, love, faith and purity.

## Sr. High Youth Group

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you all for trusting us, The Durhams and The Clements, in leading the Senior High Youth Group.

We have had a slow start, but that's Ok, as we get to know each other a little bit better. That's our first goal. We're going to be digging in to our Bibles here more to grow further in our Relationship with Him in the next couple of weeks as we progress in building our relationship with each other.

We are looking forward to lining things up and preparing for Districts already. The actual event doesn't happen until January but we need to be thinking about it now as deadline to register is approaching quickly. One of the needs that arises is funds. As one of our fundraisers, the kids want to offer cleaning services to the church. As we all are aware, each family is put on rotation to clean the church. The kids want to offer the service of cleaning for you, with a possible free will donation to the Youth Group if you feel led. Thank you for your consideration.

The Youth group is also wanting couches and chairs (limited amount....3 couches, 2 chairs possibly?) in the Youth Room. We were thinking about asking for donations of Clean, Untorn used sofas and chairs from homes that were smoke free and pet free. Another possibility would be to ask for a donation for new furniture (smaller quantity of course) made of "pleather" that would be easy to clean. We're open to suggestions and donations. Thank you for your consideration.

Please pray for us to bond as a group, to be a Light for Him in the community and for guidance in our studies. Thank you for your support and prayers!

-Durham's and Clements'

## Jr. Hi Youth Group

The Jr. High is going well! We have had 20+ kids on Wednesday nights. Our kickoff outdoor pizza oven and games, combined with the high school, was a big hit! We are going over the Gospel through videos and object lessons and are now planning to focus on teaching them how to share that good news with others. We are very much enjoying the kids and look forward to the future!

-Scott, Kristi and Cindi



### Children's Church

10/1 - Bowe  
10/8 - Bruxvoort  
10/15 - Brindle  
10/22 - Beal  
10/29 - Bowe

### October Weekly Cleaning

10/5 - Onasch & Fossum  
10/12 - Foster & St. John  
10/19 - Gilberts & Chojnacki  
10/26 - Harelstad & Lee

### Nursery

10/1 - Brindle/Carlson  
10/8 - Beal/A. Jacobson  
10/15 - Engstrom/Shoebridge  
10/22 - Rohrssen/Wundrow  
10/29 - Misner/Bruxvoort

### **Men's Renewal Breakfast at Main St. Café**

Saturday, Oct.  
14th at 8:00 a.m.



\$7 buffet

### Pulpit Committee Update

We are excited to announce Patrick Rhodes and his family have accepted the call to minister at Bloomer Baptist Church as Senior Pastor. More information on the transition period will be coming soon.

Plans are being made for a Community Farewell for the Carlson's on Saturday afternoon, October 28th and a BBC Farewell for the Carlson's on Sunday, October 29th.

### **SINKS**

Saturday, October 7th @  
5:00 p.m. @ BBC



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★ Jim and Ruth Buteyn invite ★  
★ you to give praise to God with ★  
★ them, for the gift of 50 years ★  
★ of marriage. A special Cake ★  
★ & Coffee Celebration will be at ★  
★ BB Church on October 21, ★  
★ 2017, from 1-4 p.m. So come ★  
★ join the celebration! ★  
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### Ladies Bible Studies

Tuesday's, 1:00 p.m. Sisters of the Cloth. Bring a craft/quilt/sew project to work on.

Wednesday's, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. John MacArthur study on Hebrews @ BBC.

Wednesday's, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. John MacArthur study on Hebrews @ BBC.

Thursday's at 9 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Study of John @ BBC.

### Men's Bible Studies

Thursday's, 7:30 a.m. @ Main St. Café

2nd Saturday of the Month @ 8:00 a.m., Men's Renewal @ Main St. Café, breakfast buffet \$7pp, hear a testimony.

### Prayer Group

Wednesday's @ 5:30 p.m. @ BBC

### Daily Bible Reading by Genre

10/1- Acts 3-4  
10/2- Numbers 29-32  
10/3 - II Chronicles 11-15  
10/4 - Psalms 117-118  
10/5 - Proverbs 28  
10/6 - Jonah  
10/7 - Hebrews 5-7  
10/8 - Acts 5-6  
10/9 - Numbers 33-36  
10/10 - II Chronicles 16-20

10/11 - Psalms 119  
10/12 - Proverbs 29-30  
10/13 - Micah  
10/14 - Hebrews 8-10  
10/15 - Acts 7-8  
10/16 - Deuteronomy 1-3  
10/17 - II Chronicles 21-24  
10/18 - Psalms 120-121  
10/19 - Proverbs 31  
10/20 - Nahum  
10/21 - Hebrews 11-13

10/22 - Acts 9-10  
10/23 - Deuteronomy 4-6  
10/24 - II Chronicles 25-28  
10/25 - Psalms 122-124  
10/26 - Ecclesiastes 1-2  
10/27 - Habakkuk  
10/28 - James 1-3  
10/29 - Acts 11-12  
10/30 - Deuteronomy 7-9  
10/31 - II Chronicles 29-32



# October

7th - SINKS Potluck

11th - Deacon Board Meeting

12th - WIC/Health Dept.

14th - Men`s Renewal Breakfast

21st - Buteyn Anniversary Open House

28th - Community Farewell for Carlson's

29th - BBC Farewell for Carlson's